Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

Yorkshire Dales National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Wednesday 12 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 13 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 12 Apr 2023 at 04:05

Confidence: High for unsettled and cool conditions with hill snow, and for transition towards more settled conditions Saturday. Lower for timing of rain bands and for maximum wind strengths during Wednesday and Thursday.

Headline for Wednesday 12 Apr 2023: Rather cloudy with wintry showers, heavy at times. Bands of wintry precipitation will give longer snowy spells. Strong and gusty winds, with a small risk of gales and blizzards.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 12 Apr 2023

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	70%	50%	40%	70%

Forecast for Wednesday 12 Apr 2023

Weather: Scattered blustery showers through the morning, likely falling as snow above 500m. Bands of precipitation will push in from the west through the late morning and afternoon giving long spells of rain and hill snow. Thundery downpours also possible at times during daylight hours. Snow gradually falling to lower levels, perhaps 400m by midday. Showers and longer periods of rain likely to continue into the night. Strong and gusty winds are likely during the day, but anything gale-force strength this evening now looks unlikely, albeit with low confidence.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 40% in the west, 70% in the east, falling to less than 20% from mid-morning.

Low Cloud and visibility: Frequent wintry showers or persistent snow combined with strong winds may lead to blizzard or white-out conditions above 500m and very poor visibility. Low cloud spreading east and lowering by mid-morning, with bases down to 300-500m, and to lower slopes further west. Best of bases across the east of the Dales. Sudden deterioration of cloud bases likely in wintry precipitation which may give prolonged periods of very poor visibility. Visibility very good to excellent outside of showers or wintry precipitation.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	24/32 SW	23/31 S	20/29 S	14/20 S	8/13 W	11/17 W	12/19 W
300	15/29 SW	15/28 S	15/29 SE	10/18 S	5/11 NW	8/17 W	8/17 W
Valley	8/22 SW	14/28 S	13/26 SE	10/19 S	5/10 NW	6/14 W	9/18 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	-1/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	1/-5	1/-3	1/-4	0/-4
300	2/-3	3/-1	2/-3	4/-0	3/1	3/-0	2/-1
Valley	3/0	5/0	4/-0	5/2	5/3	4/2	4/1
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	500m	700m	700m	700m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Gusts over the peaks will give difficult conditions with a risk of being blown off balance. Be prepared for sudden strong gusts on lee slopes and exposed ridges. Combination of snow, strong winds and low cloud will give a notable wind chill.

Recent rainfall: measured at Malham: altitude 375m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
02:00 on Wed 12 Apr 2023	11.8mm	24.8mm	26mm

Forecast for Thursday 13 Apr 2023

Weather: A cloudy and chilly start with a chance of ice patches. Variable cloud with occasional showers through the day, some of these may turn heavy and thundery or as a wintry mix over higher hills. Showers easing by the evening with some late sunshine. Low cloud forming across higher ranges late on.

Maximum wind: West 20-30 mph, possibly gusting 40 mph, veering and easing to 10-15 mph during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 30% becoming 60% by the afternoon. Lowest bases in showers and in the west. Lowering to 20% across the northwest Dales towards midnight.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud bases will shroud summits above around 600m at times throughout the morning, particularly further west. Cloud bases then rising above summits, but perhaps falling to around 400m in and around heavier showers. Cloud bases lowering to 500m widely late on. Visibility very good, but poor or very poor in any showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 3 Celsius, rising to Plus 8 Celsius
At 600m: Minus 1 Celsius, rising to Plus 2 Celsius
Freezing level: 700m, rising above summits.

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